



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

The Mayor and Town Council, would like to remind the community of the upcoming Chincoteague Island Earth Day that will be celebrated Saturday, May 10, 2014. Our Spring Clean-up refuse collection will be during the week of May 12th—16th. We encourage everyone to take part and help clean up our community. The Public Works Department will be collecting debris the entire week. Please call ahead of time to schedule the collection of your yard debris not later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2014.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The Town's Emergency Management personnel are hard at work preparing for this years hurricane season. The staff would like to take this opportunity to remind you — **Get prepared!** Develop a disaster plan. Your plan should answer: What do you need to do to secure your home and property? Where will you go? Who will you notify as to your evacuation location? Also, you need to make a disaster kit with flashlights, batteries, water (1 gallon per person per day for at least 5 days), non-perishable food, battery operated weather radio and insurance information. The Commonwealth of Virginia will offer a "sales tax holiday" May 25th - May 31st. This will allow you to stock your disaster kit, tax free! Visit www.vaemergency.com or for more info. www.chincoteague-va.gov and click government and then emergency operations.

2014 BOAT LAUNCH DECALS

The Town of Chincoteague's 2014 boat launch permits are currently on sale. The yearly fee is \$20.00 and the weekly fee is \$5.00. **You must present your boat trailer registration** to purchase your permit. Permits are required at all Town boat ramps!

MAINTENANCE OF VEGETATION

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Chincoteague reminds citizens that Town Code Section 22 Environment, Article VI, Section 22-159, Section 22-160, and Section 22-161, requires all property owners to maintain the vegetative growth on their properties. Grass, weeds and foreign growth must be maintained in a manner not to exceed a height of 10" and cut to a height not greater than 5". The ordinance pertains not only to developed occupied property but also to vacant and undeveloped property. To see which section applies to your property, please visit www.chincoteague-va.gov and look for **Public Notice** on the home page. Any questions can be directed to the Town Code Enforcement Officer at 757-336-6519.



UPCOMING EVENTS

46th Annual Seafood Festival	May 3rd
Town Council Meeting	May 5th
Town Elections at Chincoteague Center	May 6th
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	May 10th
Annual Int. Migratory Bird Celebration	May 10th
FEMA Flood Map Open House	May 13th
Town Council Meeting	June 3rd
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	June 14th
84th Annual Volunteer Fireman's Carnival	June 27-28, July 4th-5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, 28th-August 2nd
Old-Fashioned Fireworks @ Carnival Grounds	July 4th

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Chincoteague has implemented **DMV STOPS** for delinquent taxes. Delinquent taxpayers will NOT be able to renew licenses through DMV until their Town taxes are paid in full **PLUS** a **\$20** DMV charge and a **\$25** Town collection charge. (Effective 03/19/14)

PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The Town RCEC held a playground workshop to begin working with volunteers on the selection of new playground equipment for Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park. Thanks to all who organized and contributed to a successful community fundraising event on March 22nd.



LT. GOV. NORTHAM, SENATOR LEWIS, DELEGATE BLOXOM TAKE OFFICE

Congratulations to our new Eastern Shore of Virginia representatives in Richmond.

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SUPERVISOR THORNTON'S CORNER

Accomack County performed a property re-assessment in 2013. Most property in the County decreased in value. Chincoteague's property values decreased less than any other district. Accomack County is going to equalize the tax rate to ensure they will receive the same amount of taxes as they did before the decrease in values because of re-assessment. This means a property tax increase for Chincoteague. Last year the County imposed a fire tax on our residents, and this year a tax increase.

AED FOR ISLAND GYM

The Island Gym is being used by many groups both young and old, and anyone is susceptible to a heart attack, even at rest. The most critical steps when someone does have a heart attack and loses consciousness is to call **911** start **CPR** and **Defibrillate** (shock the heart into a normal perfusing rhythm). The best way to accomplish this is to learn CPR and have public access to an **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)**. This public access to an AED at the Island Gym is now possible thanks to **Mr. Jim Bowers of Chincoteague**. Mr. Bowers participated in a clinical trial of AED uses in the home and was allowed to keep the device post trial. Thankfully, Mr. Bowers never had to have a family member use the device on him, so now after the study has been completed, he has graciously donated the AED to the Town of Chincoteague for use. The Town would like to give Mr. Bowers a "big" heart felt (no pun intended) **Thank You!** The Town's Emergency Medical Services Division would like to encourage everyone to learn CPR which also includes the use of an AED. This life saving, fun to take course can be accomplished in just four hours by yourself, with family and friends, or even co-workers. If you would like to learn more on CPR classes or your church, business, or group would like to purchase and place an AED at your facility; please call the Town's EMS Division at **757-336-3138**.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FLOOD MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will assist Accomack County in presenting revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps during an Open House to be held on **May 13th from 5pm to 8pm at Metompkin Elementary School**, 24501 Parksley Road. The new maps will also be available for review at the Town of Chincoteague office during a 90 day appeal period which will run through July. For more information, please attend the Open House or contact the Town Office.